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SUBJECT COMMENTS BY CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA ON CUBA'S

INTENTIONS TOWARD THOSE IMPLICATED IN THE BOMBING OF

A CUBANA AIRLINER

ACQ VENEZUELA, CARACAS (19 OCTOBER 1976) FIELD NO. [HVC] 7522

SOURCE: A VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN WITH CLOSE CONTACTS IN BUSINESS,

GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES. HIS

RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

1. ON 16 OCTOBER 1976 NORBERTO ^{Cuba} HERNANDEZ

CURBELO, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA, SAID THAT THE CUBAN

GOVERNMENT HOLDS CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO ^{Cuba} BOSCH AND

LUIS ^{Cuba} POSADA CARRILES, A NATIVE-BORN CUBAN WHO IS NOW

A VENEZUELAN CITIZEN, DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 6 OCTOBER

BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER. FURTHERMORE, HERNANDEZ SAID THAT

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THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO EXECUTE BOSCH AND POSADA, EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF THE LAW.

2. DESPITE HIS YEARS IN EXILE, BOSCH IS CONSIDERED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO BE A CUBAN CITIZEN, HERNANDEZ SAID, AND THE CUBANS WILL REQUEST THAT HE BE TURNED OVER TO THEM FOR PROSECUTION. IN THE CASE OF POSADA, HERNANDEZ SAID THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT TO REVOKE HIS VENEZUELAN CITIZENSHIP AND THEN TURN HIM OVER TO CUBAN AUTHORITIES. IF THEY WERE TURNED OVER THROUGH LEGAL MEANS, HERNANDEZ SAID THAT BOTH BOSCH AND POSADA WOULD BE GIVEN A QUICK TRIAL IN CUBA AND THEN EXECUTED WITHIN THREE HOURS. SHOULD THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT BE UNABLE TO GAIN POSSESSION OF BOSCH AND POSADA THROUGH LEGAL MEANS, THE CUBANS WILL TAKE STEPS TO LIQUIDATE BOTH.

(SOURCE COMMENT: HERNANDEZ DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER EITHER BOSCH OR POSADA WOULD BE RETURNED TO CUBA FOR TRIAL IF ACCESS TO THEM WAS OBTAINED EXTRA-OFFICIALLY.) IN ANY CASE, HERNANDEZ SAID, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT BOSCH AND POSADA MUST DIE FOR THEIR PART IN THE CUBANA DISASTER. (FIELD COMMENT: A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE INDEPENDENTLY REPORTED THAT

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